

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Peter N. Ives

Councilor Patti J. Bushee

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO PLAN AND COORDINATE A SYMPOSIUM ON THE HISTORY OF SANTA FE AND THE SANTA FE FIESTA, INCLUDING THE DON DIEGO DE VARGAS EXPEDITION TO SANTA FE IN THE LATE 17TH CENTURY AND THE DYNAMIC INTERPLAY OF CULTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF SANTA FE, BOTH THEN AND NOW; AND TO EXPLORE HOLDING SAID SYMPOSIUM BETWEEN INDIAN MARKET AND THE SANTA FE FIESTA IN 2016.

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe is proud of its cultural and historical significance among North American communities; and

WHEREAS, the culture, language and traditions among the peoples and cultures of the city of Santa Fe and throughout northern New Mexico are unique among all of the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1680, many Pueblo peoples in northern New Mexico rose in opposition to against Spanish colonists and laid siege to the city of Santa Fe, forcing the Spanish to leave the city; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1688, Capitan General y Gobernador Don Diego de Vargas was
2 appointed Governor of New Mexico, where he assumed his duties in 1691 and was assigned the
3 task of reconquering the New Mexico territory for Spain; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1692, de Vargas and a contingent of soldiers, returned to Santa Fe and
5 claimed the city again for Spain; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on September 12, 1692 de Vargas proclaimed a formal act of repossession;
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8 **WHEREAS**, de Vargas had sought spiritual guidance from the Virgin Mary, under her
9 title La Conquistadora , for the re-entry and believing that she heard his prayer, celebrated a feast
10 in her honor to be repeated annually, which today is celebrated by the people of Santa Fe.

11 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
12 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to plan and coordinate a symposium on the history of
13 the Santa Fe Fiesta including the Don Diego de Vargas expedition to Santa Fe in the late 17th
14 Century and the dynamic interplay of cultures within the city of Santa Fe both then and now; and
15 to explore holding said symposium between Indian Market and the Santa Fe Fiesta in 2016.

16 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____day of _____, 2015.**

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20 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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22 ATTEST:

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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